

17. A method according to claim 11, wherein during the period lamivudine as the nucleoside analogue is administered in a dose from 50 to 150 mg per day.

18. A method according to claim 11, wherein during the period interferon- $\alpha$  is administered in a dose from 30 megaUnits to 15 megaUnits per week.

19. A kit of parts, comprising at least a first container and a second container, wherein the first container comprises a nucleoside analogue and the second container comprises interferon- $\alpha$ .

20. A kit of parts according to claim 19, wherein the nucleoside analogue is lamivudine, adefovir, or entecavir.--

**Remarks**

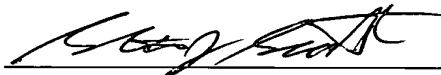
Claims 11-20 are pending in this application. Support for these claims appears in the specification and original claims 1-10.

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